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After serving as a juror on a murder trial in Oakland County approx 25 years ago, I was pleased to see some of these amendments being proposed. During this trial, jurors were not allowed to take notes. I, among others, had many questions to ask during a day of testimony. When we returned to the deliberation room, many questions were forgotten. Being a juror on a murder trial is a huge responsibility and you want to remember every word so you can deliver a fair verdict. I am very much in favor of:

- note taking by jurors
- jurors being able to ask questions of witnesses
- discussing the case during trial recesses
- a written copy of final jury instructions to take in jury room for deliberations
- allowing interim commentary by counsel to assist jurors

Regards,

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